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Washington, Feb 27 - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today after joining House Republican leaders in



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House Republican Letter to President Obama

sending a letter to President Obama requesting he veto the massive omnibus spending bill:

"In only a few months, Democrats have passed massive spending bills at the taxpayer's expense. To make matters worse, the manner in which this legislation was forced through Congress was not transparent or honest. For example, the trillion-dollar 'stimulus' spending bill was rushed through Congress without any Member having read it. And, the \$410 billion legislation that passed this week contained nearly 9,000 'airdropped' earmarks, most of which were not even considered in committee let alone on the House floor. This is unacceptable.

"House Republicans trust President Obama will veto any spending bill that is not consistent with his campaign commitment to 'fiscal responsibility and accountability and ensuring that spending commitments are paid for without burdening our children and

grandchildren.' And, since the Democrats' bill also goes against President Obama's pledge to 'slash earmarks to no greater than 1994 levels and ensure all spending decisions are open to the public,' we urge him to stand by his word.

"We side with the American people who are tired of business-as-usual with Washington's out-of-control spending habits. Our nation's families and small businesses are being forced to make sacrifices and cut down on spending and we believe, so should government. American taxpayers deserve better."

House Republican Reps. Boehner, Cantor, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, Carter, Sessions, Blunt, Dreier and McCarthy joined Rep. Pence in sending this letter to President Obama.